To: Hestmark, Martin[Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov]

From: Thomas, Deb

Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 11:08:19 PM

Subject: RE: Postpone R8 Awards Ceremony

I have been receiving only positive feedback on this decision. A big thanks to you and the many EPA staff working so hard on the ground.

Deb

From: Hestmark, Martin

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:17 PM

To: Thomas, Deb

Subject: Re: Postpone R8 Awards Ceremony

Thanks den

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2015, at 3:09 PM, Thomas, Deb < thomas.debrah@epa.gov > wrote:

EPA Region 8 Employees

In light of keeping our full attention on our response to the release of contaminated water from the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, I have decided to postpone the Regional Awards Ceremony which was scheduled for August 20th. I know that many people have spent considerable time and effort planning this event and I am really appreciative of these efforts. Because many folks in the region are involved in the Gold King Mine emergency response and the region in general is focused on this situation, we will reschedule the awards ceremony for a later date this Fall. At that time we all will be able to give our full attention to recognizing the outstanding work that our colleagues have accomplished over the past year. I appreciate your understanding.

Deb

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